

murderer. Thus is the truthfulness of

the Bible sustained by the course of

events in the Gates Avenue Police Court,

of Brooklyn.

WHY NOT ACT TOGETHER?

The Lexow Committee is about to re-

convene and resume its excellent work.

It will doubtless be continued with the

vigor and success that has hitherto

marked its progress.

But why should the searching out and

exposure of wrong-doing interfere with

the trial, conviction and punishment of

the doers of wrong? Why should the

Lexow investigation, in fact, be made

the instrument for at least the

protection and keeping in office of

the public officers it is instrumental

in proving guilty of corrupt and criminal

acts?

The Lexow Committee can only un-

earth corruptions with a view to the

future correction by legislation of the

evil methods that render them possible.

It can lay the groundwork of reform in

the future. It cannot give us protection

in the present nor bring guilty men to

justice and rid the city of the danger of

their continuance in office.

The police trials can apply an im-

mediate remedy by driving dishonest and

unfaithful men from the force.

Mr. Goff, able and adroit, can push a

Police Committee to an offender and

make his punishment certain.

Why should they not work together,

at one and the same time, the discover-

ies of the one making easier the prac-

tically useful task of the other?

The objections made to the police

trials on the first meeting of the Lexow

Committee, and the suspicion that they

might be designed to cover up in-

stead of to expose crime, and to pro-

tect instead of to punish offenders. The

results of the trials show this suspicion

to have been unfounded, and there is

now no reason why the two inquiries

should not proceed at the same time.

The Republican police commissioners

will make a mistake if they refuse to

allow the police trials to proceed. The

Lexow investigation will continue until

next February, and there is no reason

why corrupt and unfaithful officers

should be granted a lease of abused

power for the next four months.

THE NEW LAW.

The tariff bill is now a law, and the

business men of the country can see

that they are to have a tariff.

While permitting the constitutional

limitation of time to expire without a

veto, Mr. Cleveland writes a letter to

Representative Catchings, of Mississippi,

in which he uses some plain language

in reference to those so-called Demo-

cratic Senators whose action defeated

the passage of the tariff bill, and who

the Wilson bill, and who were en-

gaged in the service of the "Trusts

and combinations, whose machinations

have prevented us from reaching the

success we deserved."

The reason given by the President for

the course he has pursued are the con-

ditions of the country and the necessity

for some sort of a settlement. But he

insists on the expediency of the more

comprehensive tariff reform con-

templated by the Wilson bill, and feels

confident that the struggle will continue

to a successful issue, provided the De-

mocratic party challenges open warfare

and guards against "treachery and

half-heartedness in their camp."

The President is right. There can be

no resurrection of McKinleyism now that

it is laid in its grave. Reform does not

go backward.

OUR RULERS ABROAD.

The cable brings the important intelli-

gence that Mayor Gilroy has not seen

ex-Secretary Whitney while in London,

that the Mayor has not seen Mr. Gil-

roy; that ex-Mayor Grace will con-

sent to no combination with Tam-

many, and that Edward Parmelee Jones

and James McNally, kings of the New

York buncos game, are buying them-

selves about New York politics.

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